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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper:

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Please replace paragraph [0002] with the following amended paragraph:

[0002] This application is a Continuation application of U. S. Serial No. 09/568,293, filed May 10. 2000, entitled, AUTOMATIC CONFIGURATION OF EQUIPMENT SOFTWARE, (Atty. Dkt. No. PHLY-25,157), which This application is a Continuation-in-Part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/378,221 (Atty. Dkt. No. PHLY-24,669) entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ACCESSING A REMOTE LOCATION BY SCANNING AN OPTICAL CODE," filed on August 19, 1999, and related to co-pending U.S. Patent Application Scrial No.09/568,148 (Atty. Dkt. No. PHLY-24,671) entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATIC CONFIGURATION OF EQUIPMENT," filed on May 10, 2000, and related to co-pending U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 09/568,150 (Atty. Dkt. No. PHLY-25,156) entitled "AUTOMATIC CONFIGURATION OF EOUIPMENT INTERFACED TO A COMPUTER," filed on even date herewith.

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